# **BookletChart**

# Lower Niagara River

(NOAA Chart 14816)

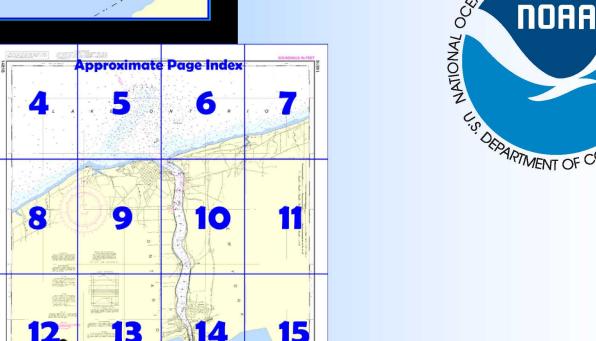
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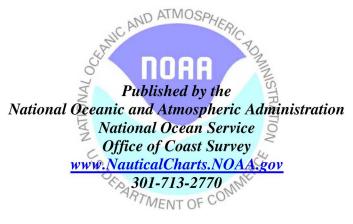


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#### What is a BookletChart $\stackrel{\text{\tiny TM}}{=}$ ?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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#### [Coast Pilot 6, Chapter 5 excerpts]

(202) The Niagara River flows from the NE end of Lake Erie and enters Lake Ontario about 36 miles from its W end. The Lake Ontario entrance to the river is between two land points occupied by Fort Niagara, N.Y., on the E, and Fort Mississauga, Ont., on the W. The International boundary between the United States and Canada generally follows a middle of the river course through the lower Niagara River.

(204) The Niagara River, with its great

volume of water and a current of about 2.2 knots, deposits considerable sediment in Lake Ontario and forms extensive shoals for a radius of about 3 miles off the mouth of the river. A bank with least depths of 5 feet extends about 0.8 mile off the E side of the entrance and is marked on its NW side by a lighted bell buoy. **Rumsey Shoal,** with depths of 17 feet, is an unmarked detached shoal about 1.5 miles N of Fort Niagara.

Niagara Bar extends from shore about 2 miles W of the river mouth NE to a point about 3 miles N of the river mouth. The N part of the shoal has depths of 12 and 13 feet, but depths of 8 feet are found to about 1.5 miles offshore NW of the river mouth. Commercial sand and gravel dredging is conducted intermittently in the area and depths are subject to change. In August 1982, an obstruction covered 3 feet was reported in about 43°16'00"N., 79°05'12"W. Vessels bound between the Welland Canal and points E of the Niagara River must avoid Niagara Bar by passing N of the lighted buoy about 3.7 miles N of Fort Niagara.

(205) The entrance to the Niagara River is marked by lighted buoys, a **149°30'** lighted range, and lights at Fort Niagara and Fort Mississauga. **Fort Niagara Light** (43°15.7'N., 79°03.8'W.), 80 feet above the water, is shown from a tower with a white and green diamond-shaped daymark on the E side of the river at the mouth.

(206) At the prevailing stages during the navigation season, a depth of about 13 feet may be carried into the river by closely following the lighted range. An alternate approach is on course 187°, avoiding the E edge of Niagara Bar and leaving the lighted bell buoy marking the bank off Fort Niagara close aboard to port, and then swinging for the river when on the lighted range.

(207) Once inside the river, an unobstructed channel with depths of 30 to 70 feet leads to Lewiston at the foot of the rapids below Niagara Falls, about 7 miles above the mouth.

(208) **Niagara Coast Guard Station** is on the E side of the Niagara River entrance. In 1977, depths of 14 feet were reported alongside the Coast Guard wharf.

(209) **Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.**, is on the W side of the mouth of the river. A **Canadian customs reporting station** is at Niagara-on-the-Lake. (See Canadian Customs, chapter 1.) The customs wharf has depths of 4 to 10 feet alongside.

(210) A small-craft basin immediately S of the customs wharf provides gasoline, diesel fuel, sewage pump-out, a 25-ton marine railway, a 20-ton hoist, and hull and engine repairs. Depths of 2 to 5 feet are reported in the basin. Mariners are cautioned that strong winds tend to raise or lower the water level in the basin by as much as 2 feet.

(211) **Youngstown, N.Y.**, is on the E side of the river about 1 mile above the mouth.

(212) A **special anchorage** is on the E side of the river at Youngstown. (213) Youngstown is a **customs port of entry.** 

(218) **Lewiston, N.Y.**, on the E side of the river about 7 miles above the mouth, is the head of navigation on the lower Niagara River. In August 2000, the town landing had a large 300-foot dock with a reported depth of 8 feet alongside. A launch area and transient slip area was also available at the landing.

(219) **Queenston, Ont.** is on the W side of the river opposite Lewiston. Sand is received at a 300-foot wharf owned and operated by D. G. Bawtinheimer, Ltd. In 1977, depths of 12 feet were reported alongside. (220) The portion of the lower Niagara River upstream from Lewiston and Queenston to **American Falls** and **Horseshoe Falls** is considered not navigable because of a 4-mile section of heavy rapids. Several bridges and overhead cables cross this section of the river.

(221) The S shore of Lake Ontario, westerly from the **International boundary** at the mouth of the Niagara River to the extreme W end of this lake, at Hamilton Harbour, is in Canada. Proceeding northerly and easterly, the N shore of Lake Ontario is in Canada going back to the head of the St. Lawrence River.

## **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

Pump-out facilities

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#### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

During some winter months or when endangered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Consult U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for important supplemental information.

#### RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

#### CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial

broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

#### CAUTION

Due to periodic high water conditions in the Great Lakes, some features charted as visible at Low Water Datum may be submerged, particularly in the near shore areas. Mariners should proceed with caution.

Low Water Datum, which is the plane of reference for the levels shown on the above hydrograph, is also the plane of reference for the charted depths. If the lake level is above or below Low Water Datum, the existing depths are correspondingly greater or lesser than the charted depths.

#### NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio station listed below provides continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations

Buffalo, New York KEB-98 162.55 MHz (Chan. WX-1)

#### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 152).

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot 6 for details.

#### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horwantal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84) Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.212" northward and 0.821" eastward to arone with the chart. agree with this chart.

#### SOURCE DIAGRAM

Most of the hydrography identified by the letter ¶" was surveyed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prior to 1974. Channels currently maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot</u>.

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PLANE OF REFERENCE OF THIS CHART. (Low Water Datum) Depths are referred to the sloping surface at the river when Lake Ontario is at elevation 243.3 feet.
Referred to mean water level at Rimouski, Quebee, International Great Lakes Datum (1985).

SAILING DIRECTIONS. Bearings of sailing courses are true and distances given thereon are in statute miles between points of departure.

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS. For complete list of symbols and abbreviations see Chart

AIDS TO NAVIGATION. Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation. See Canadian List of Lights, Buoys and Fog Signals for information not included in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

AUTHORITIES. Hydrography and Topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and Canadian authorities.

BRIDGE AND OVERHEAD CABLE CLEARANCES. When the water surface is above Low Water Datum, bridge and overhead clearances are reduced correspondingly. For clearances see U.S. Coast Pilot 6.

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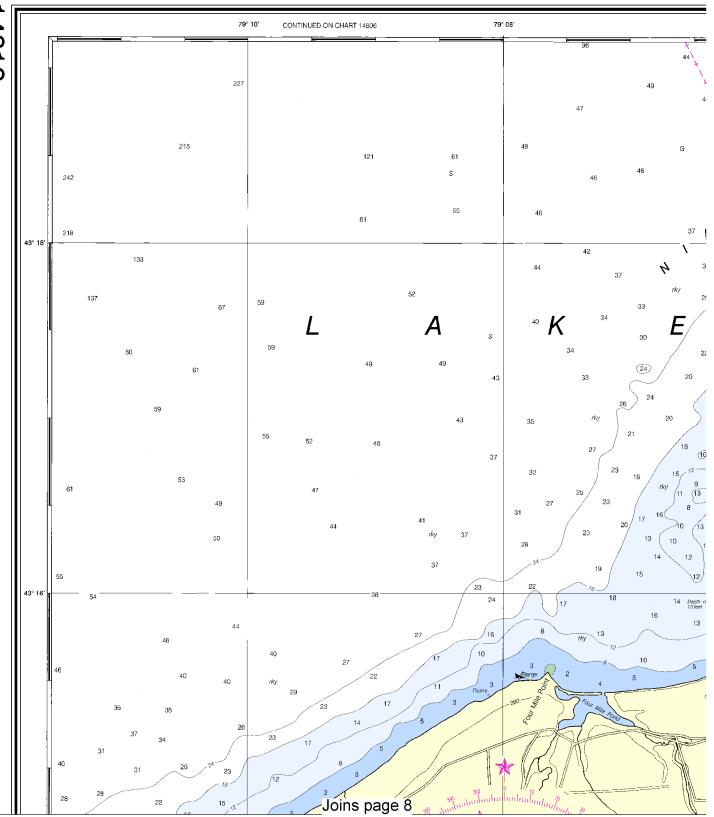
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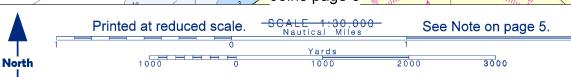
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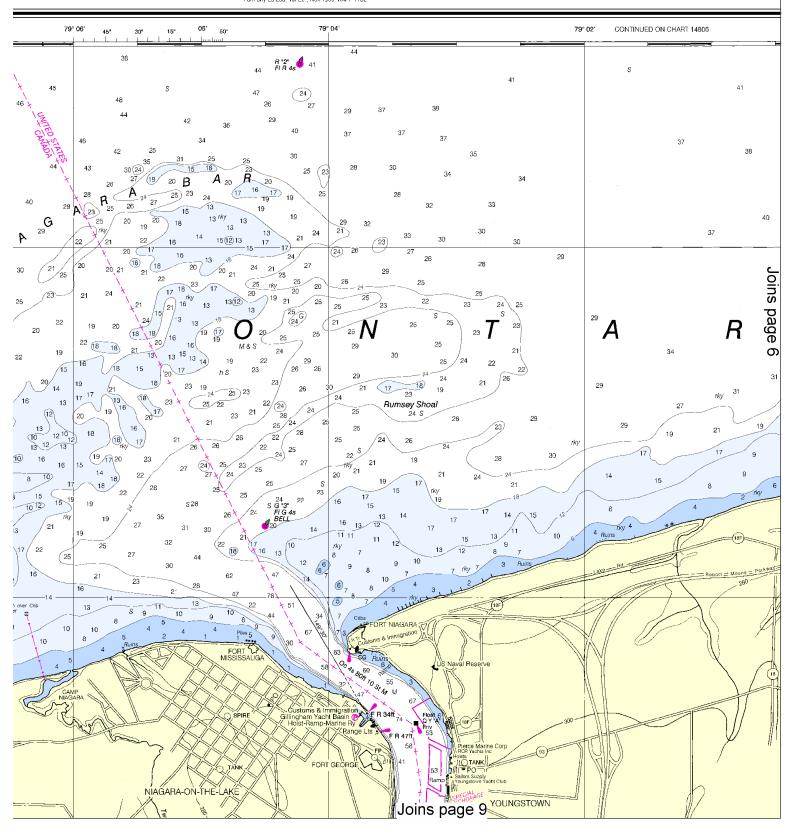
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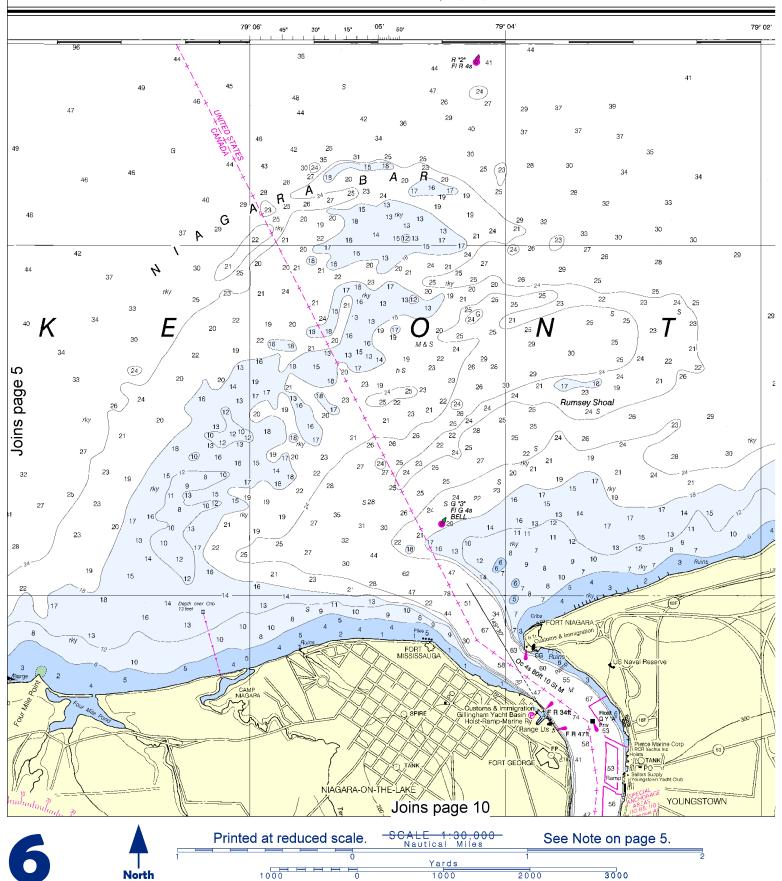




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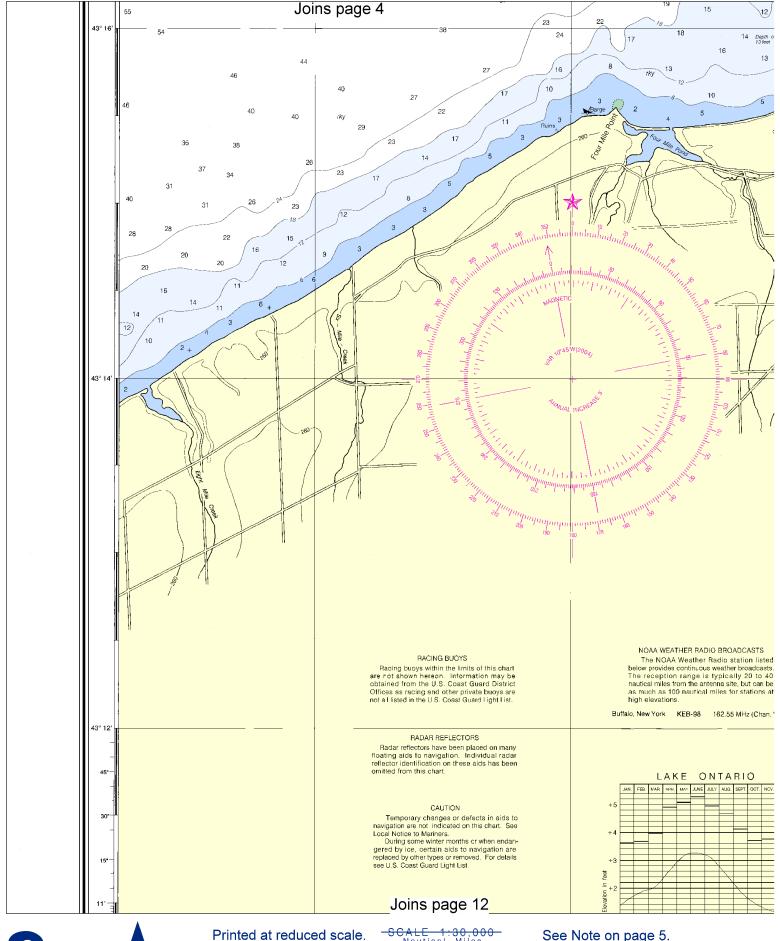
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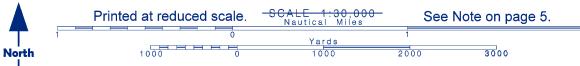
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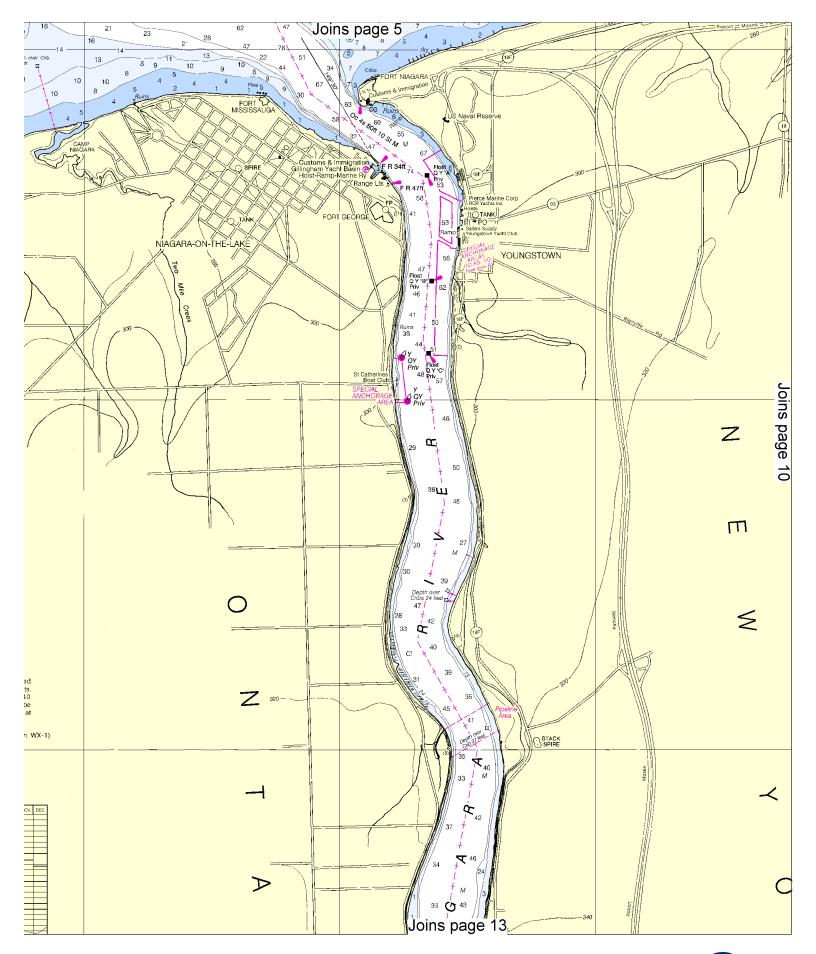
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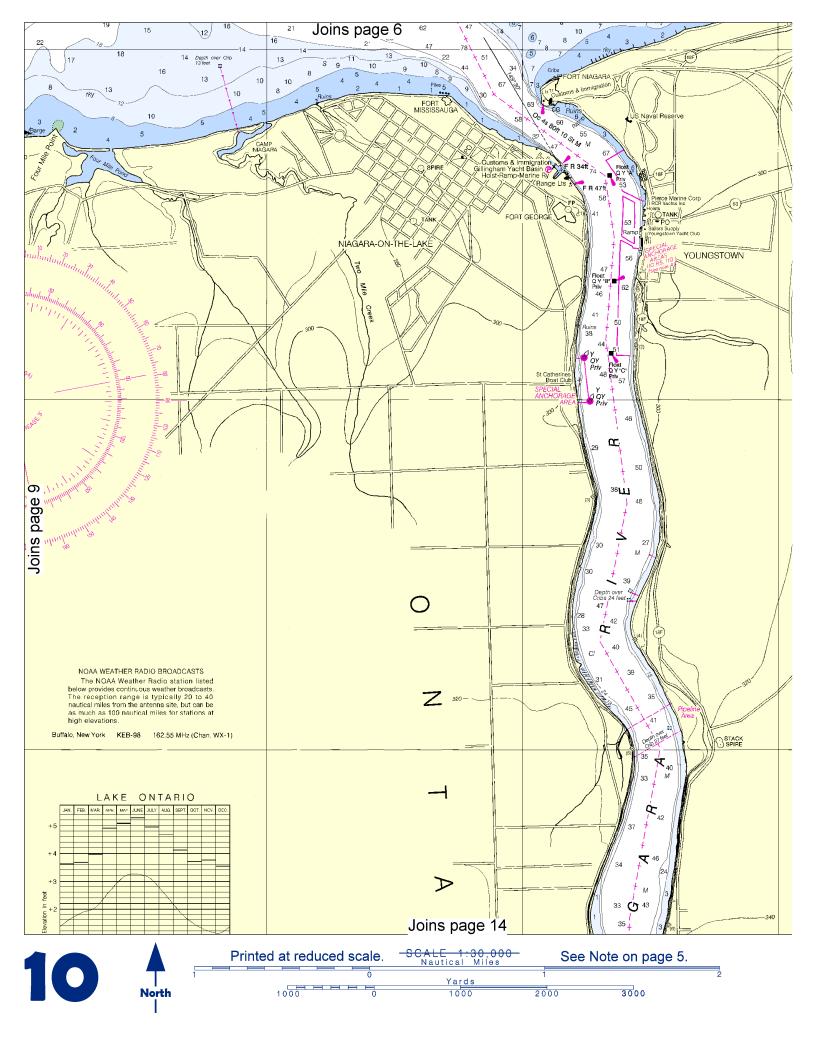
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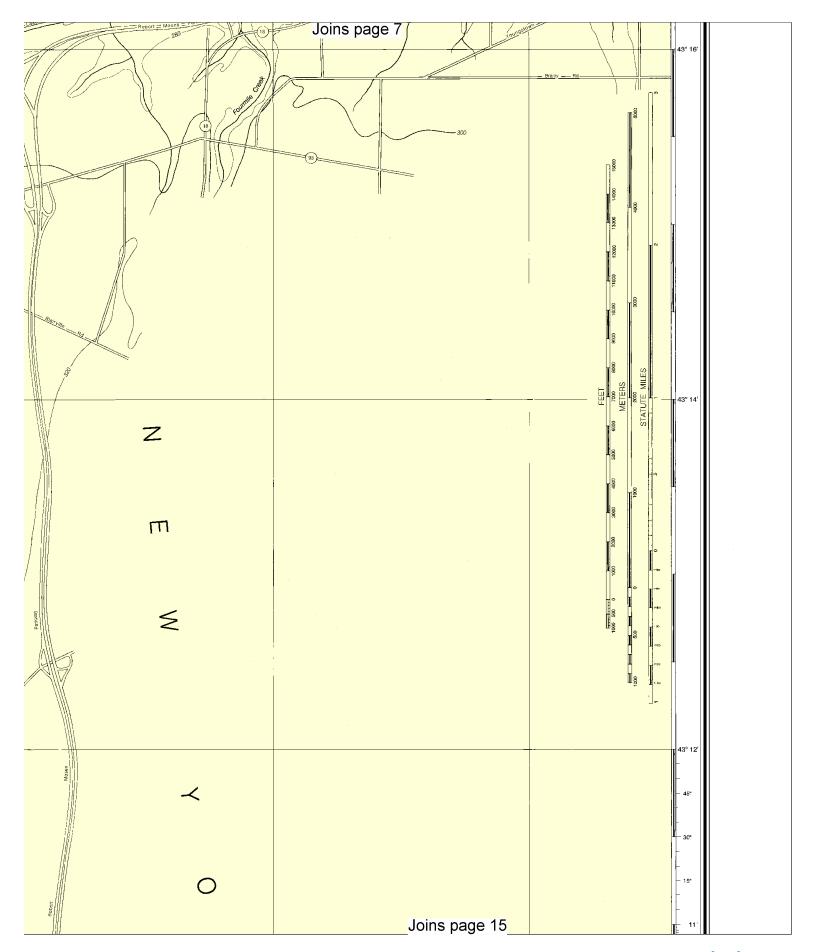
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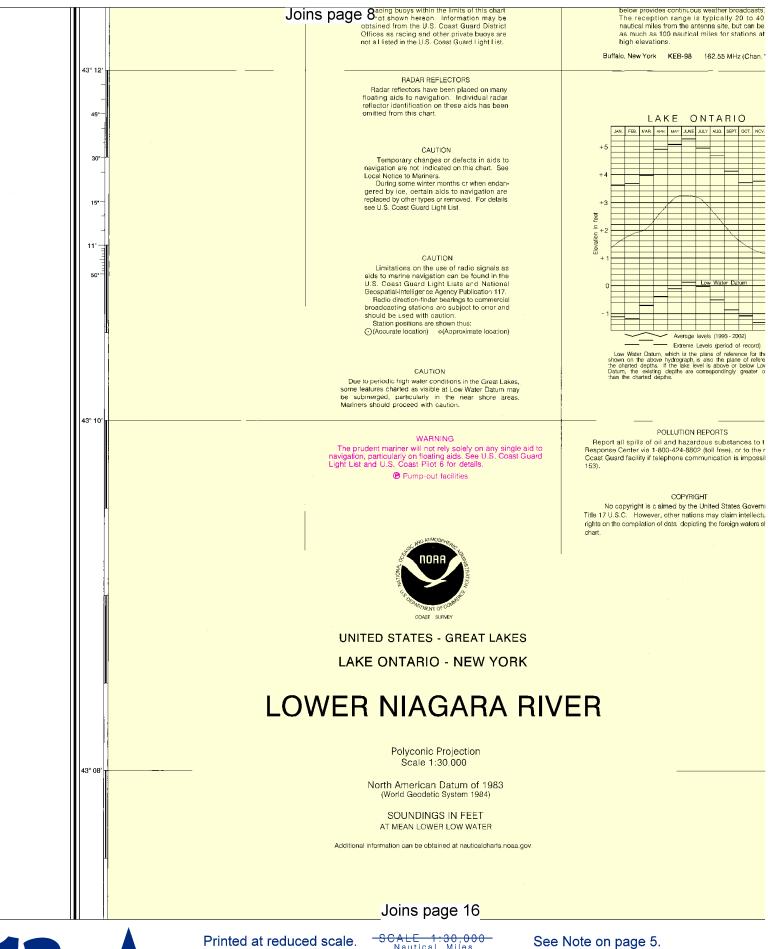




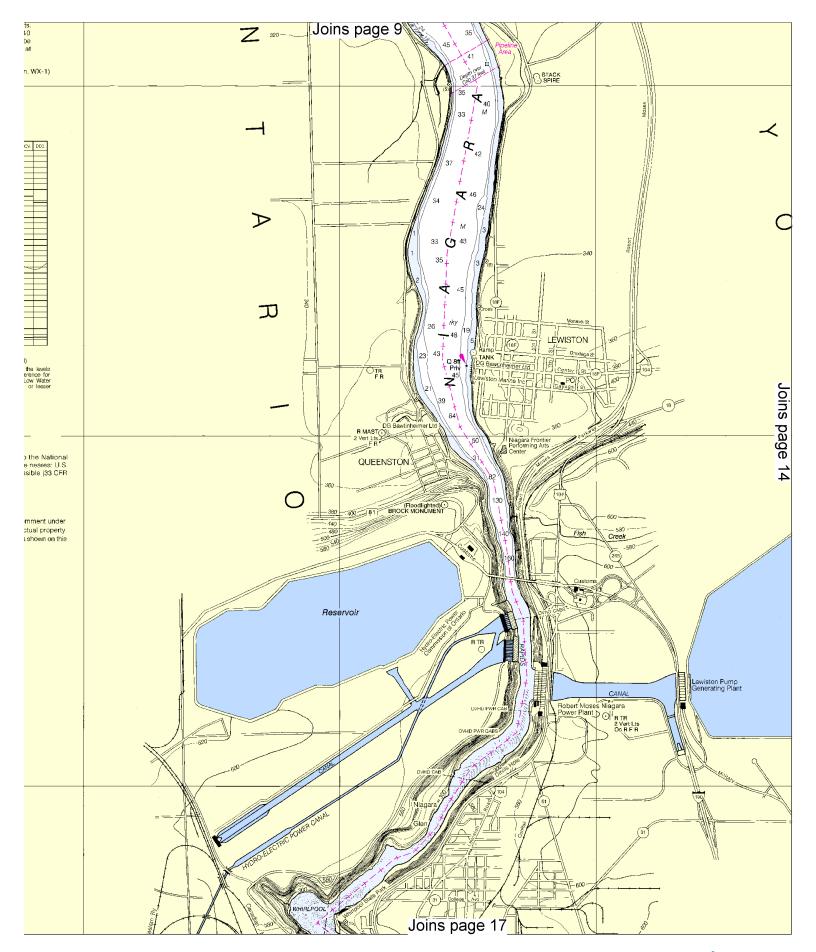


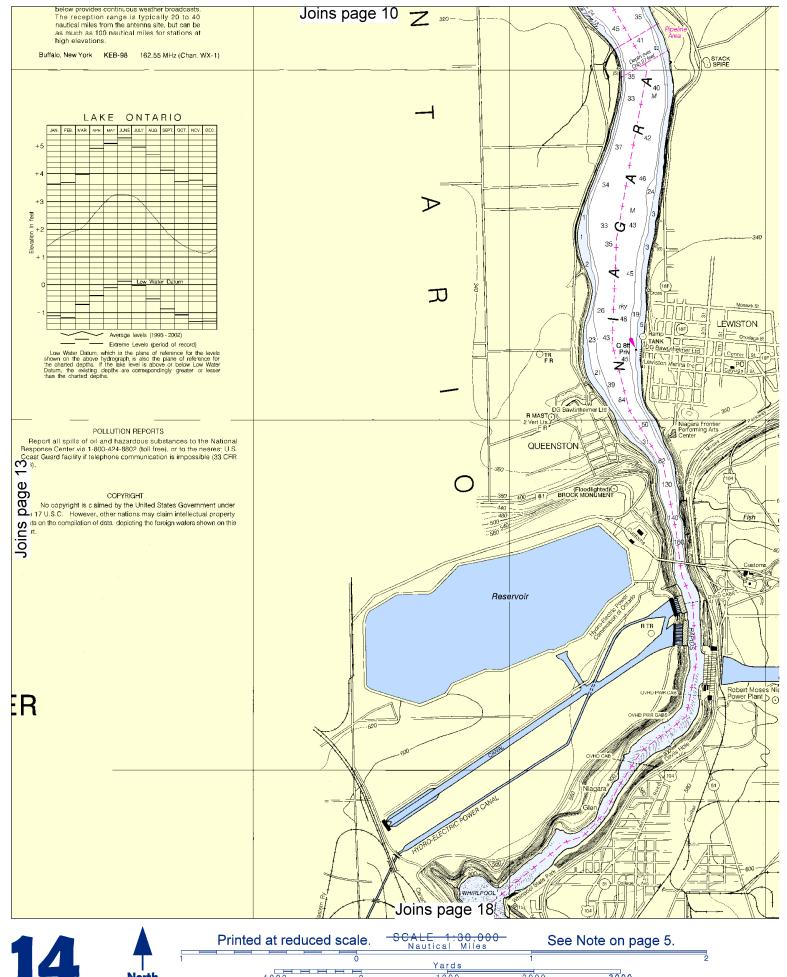




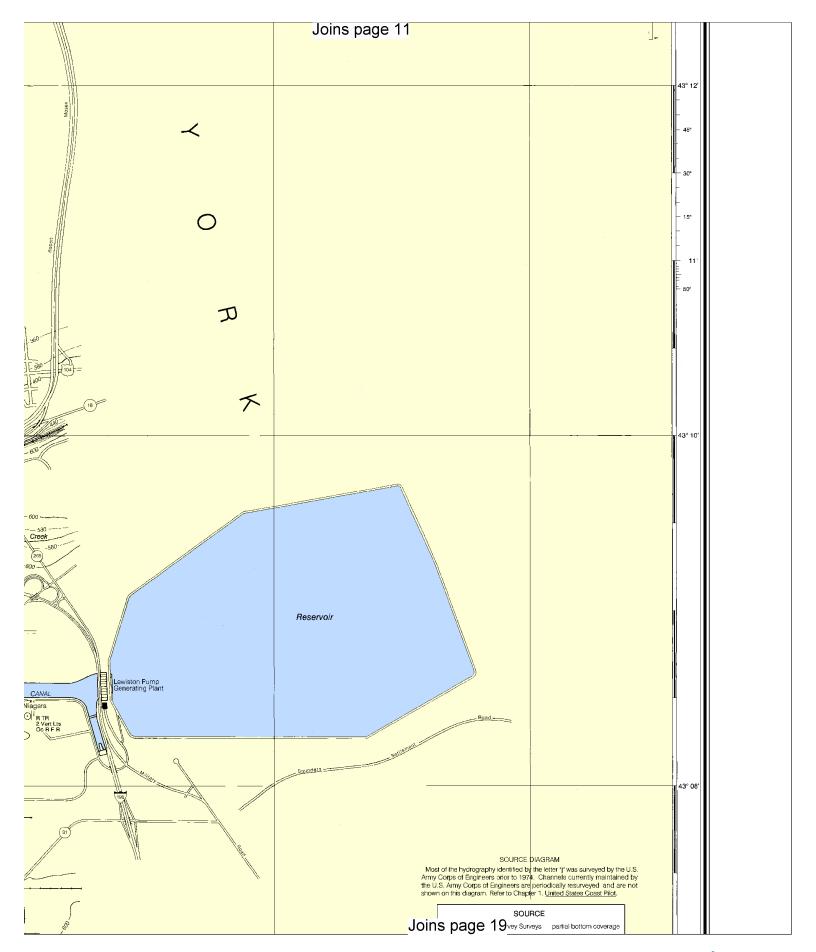


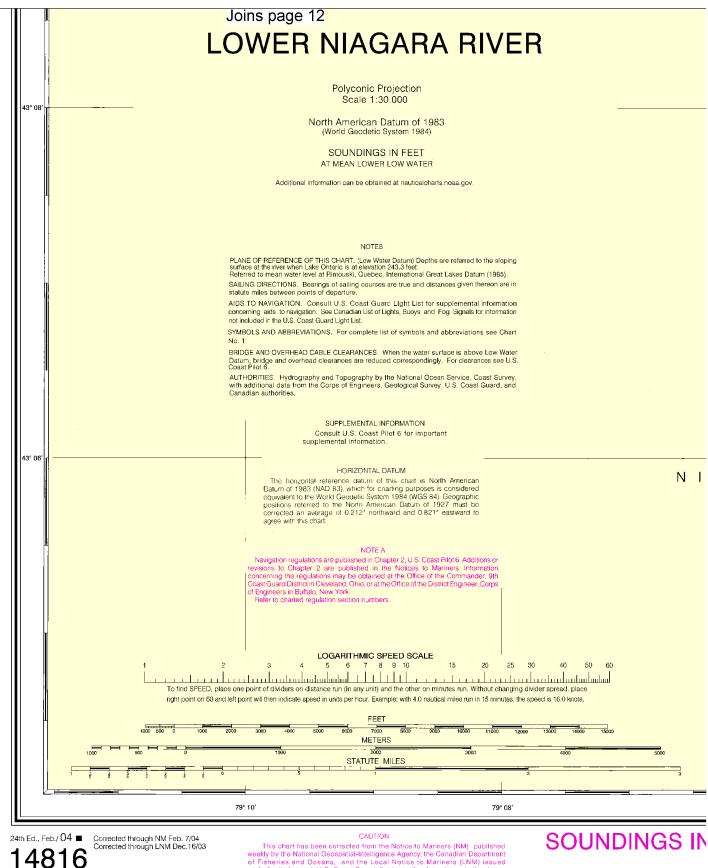




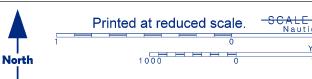


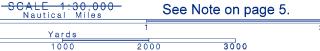


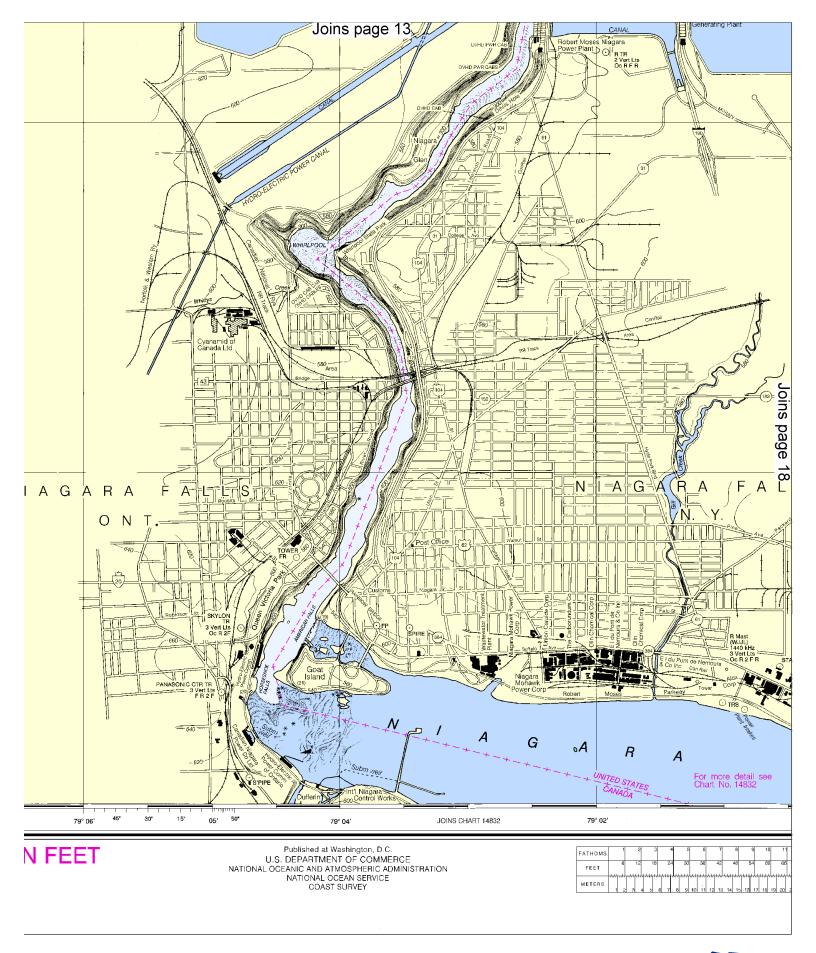


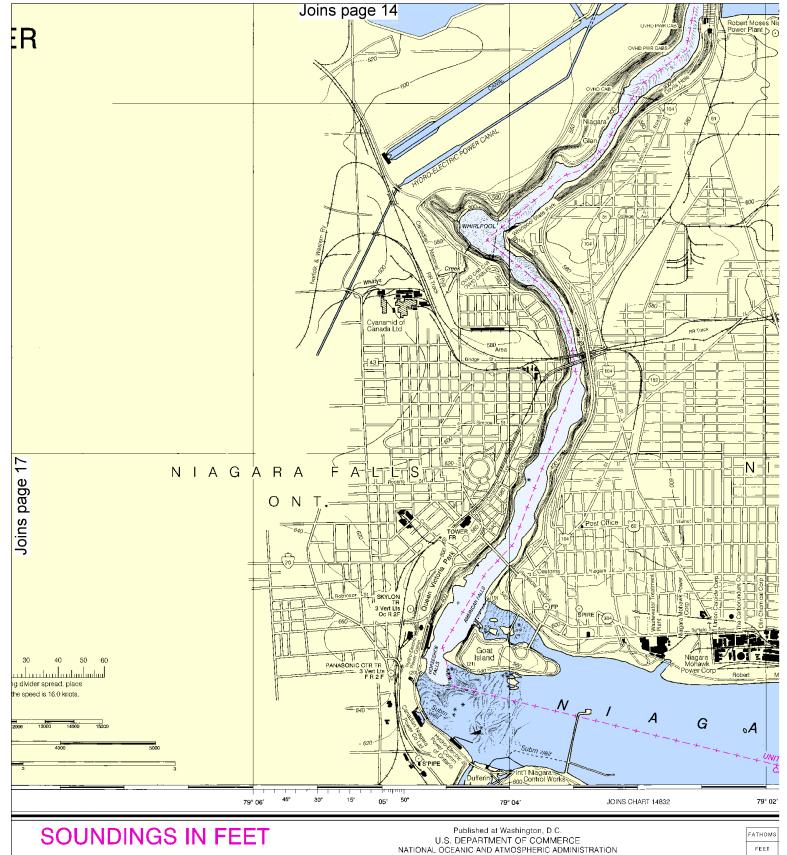


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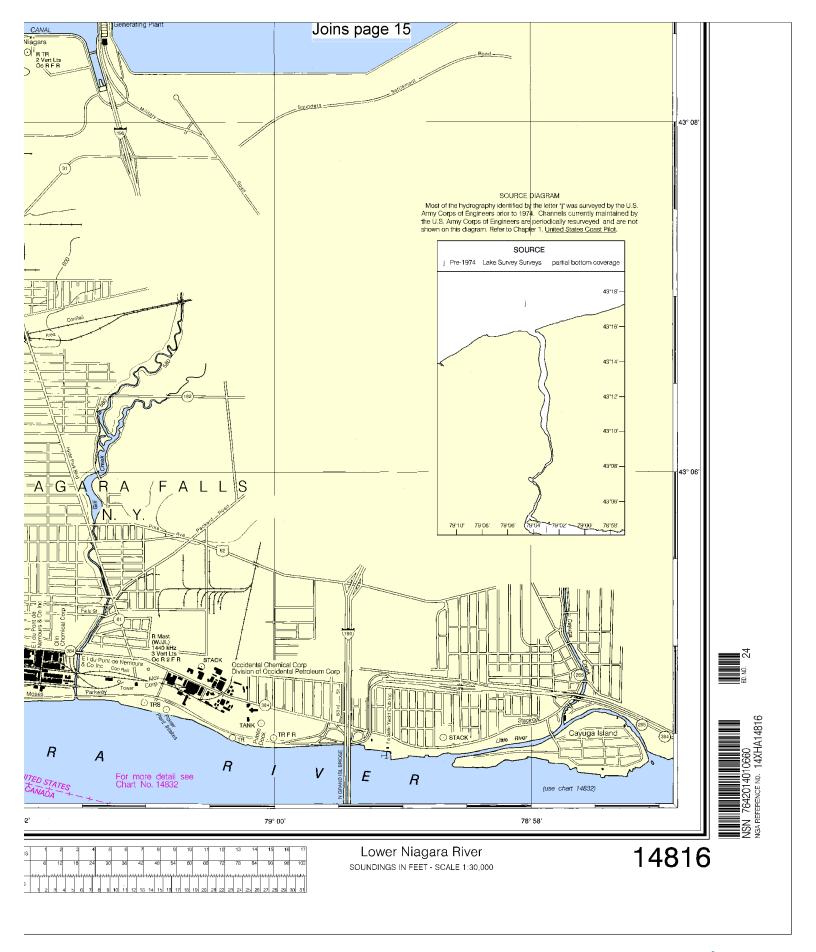




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## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION**

#### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

#### Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

#### HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!!

**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Search & Rescue (RCC)** – 216-902-6117

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<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

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